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FOR: METHOD OF TARGETING MALIGNANT CELLS USING AN E2F  
RESPONSE PROMOTER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 1-14.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Claims 15 and 16, line 1, delete "14", and insert --25--~~

~~Claim 17, line 1, delete "11", and insert --16--~~

~~Claim 20, line 2, after "gene", insert --, a dominant negative mutant--~~

~~Claim 24, line 1, delete "cytotoxic" and insert "cytotoxin"~~

Please add the following new claims:

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--25. A method of selectively expressing a gene in a malignant cell comprising:  
(a) determining whether a malignant cell expresses sufficient E2F to cause expression of a gene operably linked to an E2F responsive promoter;  
(b) adding an effective amount of a nucleic acid cassette to the malignant cell that you determined expresses sufficient E2F, wherein said nucleic acid cassette comprises